

SACRAMENTO AREA MIATA OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – BLACK BEAR DINER

05/14/2015

Open – President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone.

Robin began the meeting with a tribute to SAMOA Lifetime Member Ralph Gingrich. Sadly, Ralph passed away in April. Ralph and his wife, JoAnn, have been members of the club for many, many years. Ralph served in various Board positions and was instrumental in developing some of our most popular runs, in particular the Fort Bragg weekend and the Hair in the Wind run for Society of the Blind. We will have the third annual this coming weekend is the 2015 Hair in the Wind event, which will include a special ceremony honoring Ralph and all of his contributions.

Our Silver Jubilee Anniversary weekend event at Black Oak Casino is fast approaching. We hope that everyone will sign up and join us for a fun weekend in the Gold Country Foothills to enjoy our cars, the twisty roads, and lots of merriment.

Introduction of Officers. President – Robin George, Vice President – Mike DeLaurentis, Treasurer – Jeanne George, Secretary – Ellen Frosch.

Recognition of Lifetime Members present at the meeting – Dennis Swaney, Robin and Jeanne George. Recognition of past Presidents present at the meeting – Mike DeLaurentis andRobin George.

Officer Reports

Treasurer Report from Jeanne George:

- a) Jeanne is working on a Ralph Gingrich Memorial Book. You can submit any articles, noteworthy comments, and photos to Jeanne for inclusion in the book.
- b) We have a couple of T Shirts remaining in inventory and available. They are on display at the front table

Secretary Report from Ellen Frosch: 123 active memberships, 204 active members, and 136 Miata's in the club.

VP Mike DeLaurentis introduced new members:

- David Granzella – 2005 Green Miata “Francesca”
- Joseph “frogger” Tomlin – 2016 Gray Miata “Amy”

Events Robin and Jeanne George (filling in for Mike Sipe):

Upcoming Events – (Be sure to RSVP through the SAMOA website for each event you plan on attending)

- 5/16/2015 Hair in the Wind – This is an event where we take an individual from the Society of the Blind in a short ride in our Miata. SAMOA Member Ralph Gingrich developed this event.

Ralph is legally blind. Before he lost his sight, he and his wife loved going on drives in their Miata. It will be a fitting tribute to Ralph's memory to have this run in his honor.

- 6/13/2015 Kirkwood [Not] a Pancake Run – This is a run led by Jack Parker up to the Kirkwood Inn, where we stop and have lunch. Meet at The Local Bean Coffee Shop, 7238 Murieta Drive in Rancho Murieta at 9:00am for a 9:30 am departure. Park along Murieta Drive in the bike lane because it is difficult to exit from the parking lot. There will be a stop along the way at Ham's Station. We will be changing it up a little this year as we are going for lunch which I understand is very good. And this year we will be joined at the Inn by the Reno Miata Club as they make the trek from "The Biggest Little City In The World". For more information, check <http://www.ranchohurietacorvetteevents.com/samoakirkwood.html> . Contact Jack Parker 916-718-1545
- 7/18/2015 Reif's Garage & Museum Run We will be meeting at Krispy Kreme Donut Shop at 768 Ikea Court #110 in West Sacramento, CA 95605 at 10:00AM for a 10:30AM departure. Our route will be along the river. Our destination is one of the more notorious/infamous tourist spots in the county. Since it is a very short run (:35) there will be no coffee evacuation break. After the museum/gas station/home visitation we will adjourn to lunch. You may find more details at <http://www.ranchohurietacorvetteevents.com/samoareifs.html> . This will be a very different type of run.
- 8/2/2015 – Lodi Wine Tour – Norm Swanberg will lead us on a wine tour through Lodi. The plan is to meet at Southport Shopping Center in West Sacramento in mid-morning on August 2, 2015. The exact time will follow a test run. This is at the north east corner of Jefferson and Linden Roads. We will target arrival before lunch for the first winery, with a leisurely drive down River Road to the Lodi area. After tasting we will have a "bring your own picnic lunch" at their facility. We will then proceed to two other wineries. At this point the event will be over and people can proceed on their own to I-5, Hwy 99 or wherever. More details to follow.
- 8-15-2015 Cruzin' the Boulevard – Cruzin' the Boulevard is a car show. We will have our Miatas on display in a roped off area along Town Center Boulevard in El Dorado Hills. There will be live music, restaurants serving samples, local beer and wine, and retailers offering specials. Miatas will meet at the El Dorado Hills Park N Ride lot, corner of Latrobe and White Rock Roads at 3:30pm. We will enter as a group at 4:00pm and have our cars on display until 9:00pm. Let's show and shine!
- 9/11-14/2015 Ralph Gingrich Memorial Run to Fort Bragg –This will be the 25th Annual Fort Bragg run. This is the Club's longest annual multiple day event. This run has been renamed in memory of Ralph Gingrich who was instrumental in keeping going. He was involved in its planning for many years. Until last year, when medical issues at the last minute made it impossible for he and JoAnne to attend, Ralph still prepared his world renowned cheese bread. At Ralph's suggestion, the 2015 run was moved to Friday, September 11th for a weekend stay. We hope that those of you who cannot leave on Friday may also get together to organize a run starting on Saturday, September 12th 2015 (or just come on your own). We have a bloc of rooms reserved at the Best Western in Fort Bragg. A special room rate that will be available the nights of September 11th to September 13th (checking out the 14th). This event allows you to either find your own fun in this beautiful coastal area, or participate in various events that will be organized to take advantage of this wonderful coast location.

The Friday run will leave from the McDonalds off of the Mace Blvd exit in Davis. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. and leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. This will be a leisurely drive with several rest stops. We will stop at the Napa Valley Olive Oil Manufacturing Company to buy picnic lunch supplies

and stop again for a picnic along the way at White Oak Winery. Telephone the motel directly at (707) 964-4776 to make your reservations. Be sure to mention you are with our group. The proprietors of the Best Western know us as THE Miata Club. Please either call or E mail us as you make your reservations for the trip so we will know how many cars/people are coming. We hope to make this the enjoyable event Ralph planned!

- 9/19/2015 Blackhawk Museum –Run We will be meeting at the McDonald's Restaurant located at 2733 Elk Grove Boulevard (exit EAST off I5 at Elk Grove Boulevard). We will be meeting at 9:00AM and after a short but very important driver's meeting we will depart at 9:30AM. This will be a long run, in the area of 2:15 of driving time but covering roads seldom used by anyone in our club. We will be stopping in Rio Vista for a rest stop (at another McDonald's) as the morning coffee has to go somewhere. It will prove interesting, scenic and controlled (trust me) pace route. More details to follow. Contact Jack Parker 916-718-1545

- 10/2 – 4/2015 Silver Jubilee

Registration is \$80 per person through July 31, 2015, \$100 per person thereafter. Registration includes:

- Friday welcome reception
- Saturday breakfast
- Saturday dinner banquet
- Charity raffle/Silent Auction
- Multiple Saturday guided tours
- Event bags
- Name badges
- Other event handouts

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the resort by phone. Please book your rooms before September 1, 2015 to guarantee these rates. Please tell the agent to use the reservation code **Sacramento Miata Club**. Room rates are as follows (deluxe king or double queen): Thursday \$99 - Friday/Saturday \$109. An occupancy tax of 10% will be added to each night's stay. Discounted rates will also be offered for the 3 days prior and post the event. The hotel and event center is 100% smoke free. The hotel is a separate building from the casino. Nearby attractions are: Columbia, Jamestown, and Yosemite.

- Plenty of room on the calendar, so let's get some Miata runs going. Watch the website for news and events.

Tech Talk – Norm Swanberg gave a tech talk on Miata suspension.

Robin reminded the group that we need members to step forward and be Officers for 2016.

Raffle was held. Following the raffle the meeting was adjourned.